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Public Service Recognition Week, May 3 - 9

For many "public servants," it is in their very nature to serve, even beyond what they do in their federal jobs. Without such kind hearts volunteering at schools, charities, or places of worship, or giving their talents and resources to help others, the world would be a much dimmer place. This newsletter is dedicated to such people, those who express the meaning of "public servant" in the way they live their lives.

"Support Our Troops" Drives Make Our Soldiers Feel At Home

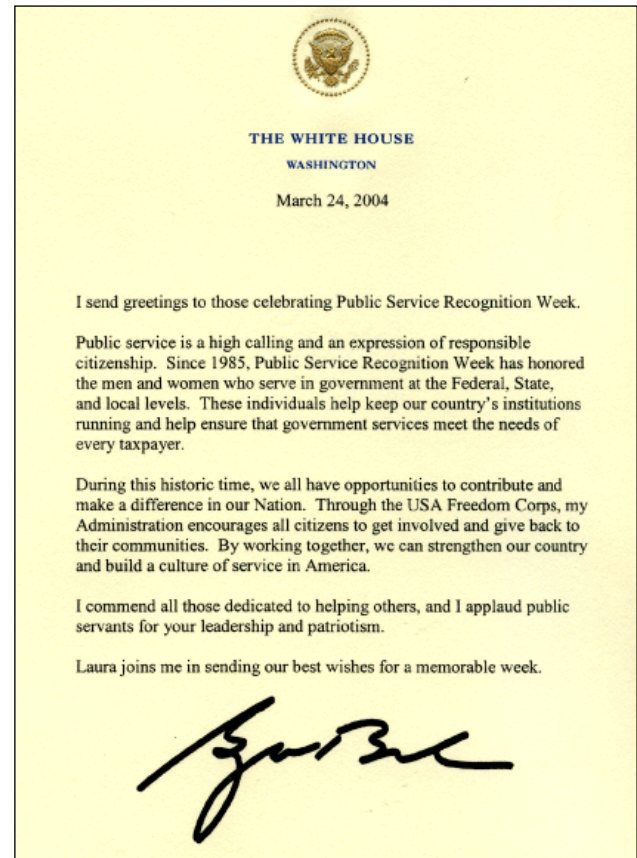
The Army Corps of Engineers, Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management have partnered with the local Coalition of Troop Support to collect and ship overseas small but very meaningful items to the Oregon and Washington units on the front lines. Bright blue barrels are on the 6th floor of the Duncan Plaza Bldg., 333 SW 1st Ave. Items from the following list are needed: lip balm, non-scented lotions, shaving soap (not foam) and razors, anti bacterial soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, floss, deodorant, eye drops, baby wipes, hand sanitizers, sun screen, Gatorade and sugared Kool Aid, Beef Jerky, condiment, packages, hard candy, gum, fun fruit, wool/cotton cushioned socks, International phone cards, playing cards, disposable cameras, flashlights, music CDs, used books, blank cards - Birthday, Anniversary, Thank You, Plain. If you'd like to establish a drive at your federal agency, contact Sue Robertson at 503-777-1707.

Courtesy of John Keith, Associate Deputy State Director, Management Services, Bureau of Land Management



The Portland Veterans Affairs (VA) Regional Office gathered on April 14th to welcome home the son of a colleague, Army Battalion Command Sergeant Major Gerald Schleining, Jr. Sergeant Major Schleining just returned from a year-long service with the Oregon-based 162nd Infantry in Iraq. His battalion received care packages from the VA Employees Association's Support the Troops Drive.

Two mailings were initially sent in mid-year 2003 to three men serving in Iraq who are sons of VA employees. They were in the 54th Engineer Battalion, 761st Ordinance



Company, HQ 1st BN, 162nd Infantry, and the E Troop 23 ACR Unit 91464. We sent candy, chips, drink mixes, books, games and other items.

The third mailing, sent in November, went to eight men serving in the same units above. A VA employee called up to serve in Kuwait was added to the mailing list. The additional men were individuals who agreed to distribute the goody boxes among fellow troop members. We mailed 25 boxes to make sure the troops had something to open on Christmas. The total cost of expenses including purchase of items and mailing was well over \$1,800. VA employees also donated additional bags of goodies, which included books, comics, crossword puzzles, games, cards, CDs, batteries, insulated drink containers, battery powered fans, bubbles, air fresheners decorated as Christmas trees, decorative bows (red, white and blue of course), Christmas

decorations, postcards, blank cards, blank Christmas cards, pens, soap, lotions, body powder, cough drops, body wipes, Q-tips, Visine, lens wipes, toothbrushes, shampoo, jerky, beef sticks, lollipops, cookies, pretzels, candy, gum, potato chips, dry drink mixes, hot chocolate mixes, candy canes, Pez candy dispensers, and cereal bars.

We also included photos of the Portland Veteran Day Parade held November 11, 2003. The photos showed the Brother Speed Motorcycle Club, who donated \$1,600 collected from a fund raiser held in April 2003. There were also letters from students at Walnut Grove Elementary School in Vancouver.

Sergeant Major Schleining expressed his deep gratitude to his VA colleagues at the ceremony. He explained how important it was for the troops to have something, no matter how seemingly small, which would remind them of home. It was also invaluable to morale to know that their fellow Americans back home cared.

*Courtesy of Susan Okada, Veterans Service Representative,
Veterans Affairs Regional Office*

Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities

- **Postal Service Letter Carriers Food Drive, May 8th**

The letter carriers of the U.S. Postal Service are once again conducting their annual food drive, to benefit the Oregon Food Bank and dozens of other food pantries throughout Oregon and SW Washington. Many of these charities also participate in the local CFC. Here is a great opportunity for you to be directly involved in providing resources to those in need. Volunteers are wanted at various post offices throughout the Portland Metro area to help unload and pack food collected during the day. Contact Nancy Kuller of the Oregon Food Bank at 503-282-0555 x272 or e-mail temp_volunteer@oregonfoodbank.org. Be sure and let them know you are a federal employee, so they'll see how much support they have throughout the federal community.

- **Memorial Day Preparation Assistance Needed at Willamette National Cemetery**

Outdoor-loving volunteers are needed beginning in early May to help trim the hedges, pull weeds, and clean up a little out at Willamette National Cemetery. Located east of Portland on Mt. Scott, Willamette National is a beautiful site. If you haven't seen it before, it is well worth the visit. If you have been there, this is a wonderful chance to return and help them get ready for their moving Memorial Day events. Contact Kathy McCall or Ken Rolene at 503-273-5250 if you are interested.

Oregon FEB Events

- **2004 Combined Federal Campaign Forges Ahead**

The Columbia River/Willamette Valley CFC is wrapping up the review of local charity applications - 117 were received from independent organizations and federations for the upcoming campaign. The applications are reviewed by a committee of federal employee volunteers, who check them for compliance with CFC qualification requirements. Charities will be notified of their approval or denial by May 7th.

The first meeting of the 2004 CFC Leadership Team will be held May 12th, to begin developing goals and strategies for the fall campaign. Chair Jim Johnson of the U.S. Postal Service will be joined by representatives from the military, postal, and civilian sectors, as well as from SW Washington, the Willamette Valley, and our newest territory, Umatilla and Morrow counties of Eastern Oregon. This brings the total number of federal employees served to approximately 21,500 in 23 counties. The complete list of Leadership Team members will be posted on the local CFC web site, www.oregon.feb.gov/cfc, by May 10th.

- **Professional Excellence 2004, May 19th**

The Oregon Federal Executive Board will host its annual Professional Excellence forum **May 19th, 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.** at the Green-Wyatt Federal Building, Room 272, in Portland. Consultant Larry Briggs, featured in last year's PE 2003, returns with a new planning process that will help you gain unique personal insights, align personal plans with organizational succession planning needs, understand the value and process of mentoring, and improve coaching skills in a work setting. The cost for the entire day is only \$50. Lunch is not provided, but there is a GSA Café on the premises. Space is limited; go to our web site, download and complete a registration form and send it to Mary Ceciliani at 503-326-2070 (fax) or mcecilia@pcez.com to register today.

- **General Membership Meeting, May 26th**

The Oregon FEB Spring General Membership Meeting is confirmed for **May 26th, 8:30 - 10:30 a.m.**, at the One Main Place Building, 101 SW Main, 18th Floor, Portland, 97204. We are excited to present two special and influential guests. Dr. David C. Kozak, Professor of Public Policy at Gannon University and a frequent instructor at OPM's Western Institute, will open with a discussion of the current political climate and impact on the federal workforce of a Bush or Kerry presidential win. Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals Judge Edward Leavy will follow and share the influence of recent legal rulings on federal employees. Space is limited, so register with Mary Ceciliani at 503-326-3010 or mcecilia@pcez.com beginning May 5th.

OFEB CALENDAR

May 2004	
5/4-5, 8:30 a.m.	FERS Retirement & Estate Planning
<p>Experienced trainers offer in-depth insight into what you need to do to build and protect your retirement savings.</p> <p>Location: Green-Wyatt Federal Bldg. 1220 SW 3rd Ave., Room 272, Portland</p> <p>Day 1: 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. (registration 8:00 a.m.) Day 2: 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon</p> <p>Cost: \$100 for federal employees, \$40 for non-federal spouses. To register, contact Mary Ceciliani at 503-326-3010 or mcecilia@pceez.com.</p>	
5/12, 10:30 a.m.-12 noon	CFC Leadership Team Mtg.
<p>The first meeting of the 2004 Columbia River/Willamette Valley Combined Federal Campaign Leadership Team will be held to begin developing goals and strategies for the upcoming fall campaign.</p> <p>Location: Farm Services Agency 7620 SW Mohawk Street Tualatin, OR 97062</p>	
5/13, 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m.	Shared Neutrals Annual Mtg.
<p>Annual Meeting of the Oregon FEB's mediation and alternative dispute resolution volunteer group. Also includes training for mediators and liaisons. Guest instructor David Hager, a renowned mediator, conflict resolution consultant and international business attorney is featured. Contact Karin Waller at 503-239-9884 or ofeb@pceez.com for information.</p> <p>Location: Wilsonville Water Treatment Plant 10350 Arrowhead Creek Lane Wilsonville, OR 97070</p>	
5/13, 10:30 a.m.-12 noon	Minority Business Committee
<p>Monthly meeting to enhance opportunities for minority and women-owned businesses to earn govt. contracts.</p> <p>Location: Port of Portland 121 NW Everett St. Portland, OR 97209</p>	
5/19, 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.	Professional Excellence 2004
<p>Consultant Larry Briggs shares his planning process that will help you gain unique insights, align personal plans with organizational succession planning needs, understand the value and process of mentoring, and improve coaching skills in a work setting.</p> <p>Location: Green-Wyatt Federal Bldg. 1220 SW 3rd Ave., #272 Portland, OR 97204</p> <p>Cost: \$50; lunch not included, but café on premises. To register, contact Mary Ceciliani at 503-326-3010 or mcecilia@pceez.com.</p>	

May 2004	
5/26, 8:30-10:30 a.m.	General Membership Mtg.
<p>The Oregon FEB presents Dr. David C. Kozak of Gannon University and Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals Judge Edward Leavy (see page 2). Space is limited, so contact Mary Ceciliani at 503-326-3010 or mcecilia@pceez.com to register.</p> <p>Location: One Main Place Building 101 SW Main, 18th Floor Conference Room Portland, OR 97204</p>	
June 2004	
6/2, 2-4 p.m.	ADR/Shared Neutrals Committee
<p>Monthly board meeting of the OFEB's free alternative dispute resolution services for federal, state and local governments.</p> <p>Location: Robert Duncan Plaza 333 SW 1st Ave., 10th Floor Portland, OR 97204</p>	
6/9, 8:30-10:30 a.m.	Admin. Services Committee
<p>Quarterly meeting of Administrative, Human Resources, IT and Contracting Officers. Agenda will focus on "Developing the Workforce of the Future," sharing emerging HR trends.</p> <p>Location: Green-Wyatt Federal Bldg. 1220 SW 3rd Ave., Room 272 Portland, OR 97204</p>	
6/10, 8:00-9:30 a.m.	OFEB Policy Committee
<p>Quarterly meeting of the governing body of the Oregon FEB. Topics will include the General Membership Meeting review and discussion of a summer planning retreat.</p> <p>Location: Robert Duncan Plaza 333 SW 1st Ave., 3rd Floor Portland, OR 97204</p>	
6/10, 9:30-10:00 a.m.	Emergency Prep Committee
<p>Quarterly meeting of the Oregon FEB's Emergency Preparedness Committee. This group will now meet preceeding each Oregon COOP Resource Partnership.</p> <p>Location: Robert Duncan Plaza 333 SW 1st Ave., 3rd Floor Portland, OR 97204</p>	
6/10, 10 a.m.-12 noon	Oregon COOP Resource Partnership Meeting
<p>Second meeting of the FEMA/GSA sponsored work group designed to help local federal agencies better coordinate their Continuity of Operation Planning.</p> <p>Location: Robert Duncan Plaza 333 SW 1st Ave., 3rd Floor Portland, OR 97204</p>	

COMMITTEE CORNERS

Policy Committee

Next Mtg.: June 10th, 8:00-9:30 a.m., Duncan Plaza, 333 SW 1st Ave., 3rd Floor, Portland.

News: Meeting will review the May General Membership Meeting and discuss a summer OFEB planning retreat.

Administrative Services

Next Mtg.: June 9th, 8:30-10:00 a.m., Green-Wyatt, 1220 SW 3rd Ave., #272, Portland.

News: Featured topic will be "Developing the Workforce of the Future," an open discussion of emerging human resources trends. A special guest panel will be announced.

Combined Federal Campaign

Next Mtg.: May 12th, 10:30 a.m.-12:00 noon, Farm Services Agency, 7620 SW Mohawk Street, Tualatin, OR.

News: The first 2004 CFC Leadership Team meeting will be held in May (above). The Columbia River/Willamette Valley CFC is proud to welcome Umatilla and Morrow counties in Eastern Oregon to our region.

Emergency Preparedness

Next Mtg.: June 10th, 9:30 a.m. at Duncan Plaza, 333 SW 1st Ave., 3rd Floor, Portland

News: This meeting will immediately preceeding the second FEMA/GSA Oregon COOP Resource Partnership meeting, 10:00 a.m.-12 noon.

Employee Retention & Development

News: Professional Excellence 2004 is coming May 19th (see article, page 2).

Minority Business Opportunity

Next Mtg.: May 13th, 10:00-11:30 a.m., Port of Portland.

News: Continued planning for the 2004 MED Week Luncheon and Trade Fair, as well as discussion of other training options throughout the year.

Public Affairs

Next Mtg.: Late July-early August, location TBD.

News: Last meeting April 30th presented updates from Dept. of Homeland Security agencies on current developments. Next meeting will either continue security discussions or feature a roundtable with local media reps.

Shared Neutrals/ADR

Next Mtg.: 2004 Annual Meeting, May 13th, 8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m., Wilsonville Water Treatment Center.

News: Guest instructor David Hager, a renowned mediator, conflict resolution consultant and international business attorney is featured.

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